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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Examiner: Unassigned Nils Lonberg et al. Art Unit: Unassigned Application No.: 08/728,463 Filed: October 10, 1996

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER

37 CFR §1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ANIMALS FOR PRODUCING HETEROLOGOUS ANTIBODIES

For: TRANSGENIC NON-HUMAN

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated November 17, 1996 for three months, from December 17, 1996 to March 17, 1997. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Response to Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$465, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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